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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3942–3951, and S. Res. 559–566.

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Measures Passed:

National Asbestos Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 561, designating the first week of April 2022 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week".

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National Women in Agriculture Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 562, designating March 24, 2022, as "National Women in Agriculture Day".

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100th Anniversary of passing of Charles Isham Taylor: Senate agreed to S. Res. 563, honoring the life and legacy of Charles Isham Taylor on the 100th anniversary of his passing.

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Honoring James Frederick "Jimmy" Hanley: Senate agreed to S. Res. 564, honoring the life and legacy of James Frederick "Jimmy" Hanley.

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Honoring Representative Don Young: Senate agreed to S. Res. 565, honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of Representative Don Young.

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Measures Considered:

Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4373, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board. Page S1829 Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Motion to Discharge Cook Nomination: By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 110), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination of Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress.

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Motion to Discharge Bedoya Nomination: Pursuant to S. Res. 27, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation being tied on the question of reporting, the Majority Leader made the motion to discharge the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation from further consideration of the nomination of Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner; under the provisions of S. Res. 27, there will be up to 4 hours of debate on the motion, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; with no motions, points of order, or amendments in order.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank; that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session on Monday, March 28, 2022, ripen following disposition of the motion to discharge the nomination of Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and that the Senate vote on the motion to discharge the nomination of Alvaro M. Bedoya, at 11:45 a.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Judith DelZoppo Pryor, all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired at 1:30 p.m.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 113), Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Page \$1826

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 111), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 114), C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 112), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Christopher John Williamson, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

Mallory A. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Laura S.H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Travis LeBlanc, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2028. Page \$1840

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2010, which was sent to the Senate on January 13, 2022, from the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—114) Pages \$1817-18, \$1826

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative Don Young, in accordance with S. Res. 565, at 7:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$1840.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Health Program, after receiving testimony from David Smith, performing the duties of Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Lieutenant General Ronald Place, Director, Defense Health Agency, Lieutenant General R. Scott Dingle, Surgeon General of the Army, Lieutenant General Robert Miller, Surgeon General of the Air Force, and Rear Admiral Bruce L. Gillingham, Surgeon General of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

U.S. EUROPEAN AND TRANSPORTATION COMMANDS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of United States European Command and United States Transportation Command, after receiving testimony from General Tod D. Wolters, USAF, Commander, United States European Command/North Atlantic Treaty Organization Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and General Jacqueline D. Van Ovost, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command, both of the Department of Defense.

MEDICAL DEBT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic impact of the growing burden of medical debt, after receiving testimony from Emily Stewart, Community Catalyst, Boston, Massachusetts; Benedic N. Ippolito, American Enterprise Institute, and David A. Hyman, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Berneta L. Haynes,